



King County
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4 AN ORDINANCE relating to water facilities in rural areas; and amending Ordinance 11616, Section 13,
5 as amended, and K.C.C. 13.24.138.

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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11616 Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 13.24.138 are each

9 hereby amended to read as follows:

10 Water facilities in rural areas.

11 A. Standards and plans for utility services in rural areas and the design and scale of new
12 water facilities that serve the Urban Growth Area but must be located in the rural area shall be
13 consistent with the needs of long-term low-density residential development and resource industries
14 in the rural area.

15 B. New development in the rural area may be served by individual private wells, Group A
16 water systems or Group B water systems as follows:

17 1. If the proposed development is in an area that has been assigned to a Group A water
18 system through a King County-approved coordinated water system plan or is within the service area
19 in an individual water system plan of a Group A water system that has been reviewed by the county
20 and approved by the state, the proposed development shall be served by that Group A water system
21 through direct service, if direct service can be provided in a timely and reasonable manner;

22 2. If the proposed development is included in an area currently served by a water system
23 that the county has determined has known quality or quantity problems that threaten public health,

or if direct service cannot be provided in a timely and reasonable manner, then the county may authorize the creation of a new public water system only if the new system is owned and operated either by the existing system or by a satellite management agency as provided in RCW 70.119A.060 until direct service can be provided; ((or))

3. If the proposed development is included in an area that has been assigned to Group A water system through a King County-approved coordinated water system plan and is not within the service area in an individual water system plan of a Group A water system that has been reviewed by the county and approved by the state, the county may require the new development to connect to an existing system able and willing to provide safe and reliable potable water when it may be done with reasonable economy and efficiency. If such a connection cannot be made, the county may authorize the creation of a new Group B water system, but only if it otherwise meets relevant land use and public health requirements, and the provisions of subsection E. of this section, if applicable((.)); or

4. If water service cannot be provided under subsection B.1. through B.3 of this section, the county may authorize the creation of a private well, only if the well otherwise meets relevant land use and public health requirements and the provisions of subsection E. of this section, if applicable. If the proposed development to be served by the private well is in an area that has been assigned to a Group A water system through a coordinated water system plan approved by the King County council or is within the service area in an individual water system plan of a Group A water system that has been reviewed by the county and approved by the state, the county shall condition its approval upon the future connection of the development to the water system when service from that system becomes available.

C. Existing Group A water systems and shall not be expanded beyond the total number of lots that the system is ultimately designed to serve, except as otherwise provided in subsection D. of this section.

D. A Group A water system may be established or expanded if:

1. The area has been assigned to a water purveyor through a King County-adopted coordinated water system plan; and

2. Before approval of the new system or system extension, the maximum number of connections has been specified based on the number of previously platted, or otherwise legally

53 divided, lots and the zoning approved for the total rural area being served, and Group A service is
54 financially feasible at the resulting density.

55 E. In a closed basin, as defined by chapters 173-507, 173-508, 173-509, 173-510 and 173-515
56 WAC, or on Vashon-Maury Island, a private well or a public water system created to provide
57 domestic water for a proposed subdivision and that uses an exempt well under RCW 90.44.050 shall
58 meet the following standards:

59 1. The ((public water system may serve)) subdivision shall be no ((more)) larger than six
60 lots;

61 2. Only one public water system may be created to serve the subdivision;

62 3. ((The public water system may have o))Only one exempt well may be created to serve
63 the subdivision, unless more than one exempt well is required to meet water flow requirements; and

64 4. The private well or public water system shall allow no more than one-half acre of
65 irrigation.

66 ..ad requirements

67 area paper 30 days prior